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The Railroad Bridge.

The approval by Secretary Root of a part of the plans for the bridge structure to be erected by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company across the Potomac to replace the Long bridge does not preclude a reopening the law which requires this formal approval before the structure can be erected material changes have occurred in the railroad situation which practically require a reconsideration of the whole bridge matter. The railroad company, having acquired control of the Baltimore and Ohio road, has been moved by a consideration of its own interests and of the government's park improvement plans to consent to a union of the terminals. Those same plans are directly affected by the bridge program and the pursuit of a consistent policy on the part of the corporation would result in the erection of a single bridge of artistic design commensurate with the surroundings in the place of two wholly inadequate structures. When the law is amended to permit the union of the terminals it might well be changed in its whole bearing upon the park needs.

The railroad company by virtue of its own encroachments upon the original intention of the law has become practically sole neglect of the highway portion, and has secured an enactment permitting it to construct a bridge on the old site solely devoted to railroad uses, while putting the public to the expense of a new bridge to replace the highway feature of the old structure. The public belief is that there is no necessity for two bridges. Engineers agree that they will add to the physical dangers in time of The parking commission sees in a double approach across the Potomac park an unnecessary obstacle to a satisfactory treatment of this reservation.

The railroad company, having in a public spirited way recognized the paramount right of the government to proceed with a minimum of interruption with its project of improving the public reservations, by agreeing to a union station off the mall, should now, in the same spirit, agree to a union of the bridges. Regarding the matter from the viewpoint of the selfish interests of the corporation this policy is calculated to bring a future reward. It will emphasize the public unwillingness to throw unnecessary bridges across the Potomac. It will thereby afford a degree of insurance against other railroad bridges being authorized by Congress in later years. Thus to consent now to a union bridge of imcreditable design would perhaps mean to railroad structure across the stream for many years to come, if not for all time.

Judged in the light of the public interest this union of bridges is highly desirable. It will not only minimize the obstructions to a satisfactory development of Potomac Park, but it will permit the erection of a more substantial and artistic structure than either of the cheap bridges under the present plan is likely to be. The public will deplore the construction for either railroad or highway use of a plain, trestle-like sides without involving extravagant cost.

From an engineering point of view, one foint use of railroad and public solidly built for all time in such fashion as to render the highway portion entirely safe for equestrians would reduce this chance to a mini-

union station idea. The case is as strong in gree for the policy of the past which has deprived the public of its rightful share of to the capital's needs and win the unqual!fied praise for public spirit of all who be-Heve in the rehabilitation of the federal

Having had a large stamp robbery, Chi-Havana to a realization that any attempt to excel the windy city will be duly resented.

Mr. Shepard has fully demonstrated to

The Silver Republican Party.

The return of Senator Jones of Nevada to the republican party raises a question: What remains of the so-called silver republican party? It claimed and received considerable attention in 1896. The men who walked out of the St. Louis convention that that did, stood high in the estimation of the country. Some were in office, and nearly all were widely known. Three were veterans in the republican ranks. Senators Teller, Jones and Stewart had for years wielded Dubois and Mantle, though younger men, were yet of considerable force. Charles A. Towne was regarded as a man of promise. All repudiated the republican declaration for the gold standard, and went over to the support of Mr. Bryan, and assisted in making the national campaign in the west that year one of extraordinary interest. If Mr. Bryan's success at the polls seemed at any time likely, it was because of the activity of these men and the influence with which they were popularly accredited.

Where do they stand today? Messrs. Stewart and Mantle and Jones have refor all time, been settled, and that other questions press now for attention, they find themselves in sympathy again with the republican party. Messrs. Dubois and Towne have gone over to the democrats. Neither looks for a revival of the silver question. but there is enough to attract them to that scot free.

defined. He has not returned to the republican party, but has declared on the subject of the democratic party that the nomination in 1904 of such a man as David B. Hill by that party would array the whole west solidly against it. Mr. Teller has so far not been quoted in a way to indicate where Mr. Bryan's second defeat leaves him. Silver alone took him to Mr. Bryan's side, and if silver is dead, what is to keep him there longer? He is a protectionist, and hardly the sort of man to shy at a spook like Caesarism

May we not answer the question as to the silver republican party by saying that it is no more? These men made it. Their ability and eminence and aggressiveness gave it whatever of importance it enjoyed. As the result of their efforts, the Bryan column was richer by several states when the votes were counted in 1896. The movement they inaugurated was local, but within its lines a material factor in the fight. It has spent its force, and its organizers have parted company. To what extent will this result weaken Mr. Bryan? Can he hold any part of the west, now so indispensable to him, without the assistance of these men? of the case. Indeed since the passage of If not, Mr. Bryan's cake, like that of free silver coinage, is dough.

Tomorrow at Auburn.

Tomorrow Leon Czolgosz will die in the electric chair at Auburn for the murder of William McKinley. Every effort has been exerted to prevent the execution from stimulating morbid minds. It will be witnessed by a very few persons, just enough to satisfy the demands of the law, and precautions will be taken to hold the press accounts down to the bare narration of the details, without pandering to the demand for sensationalism. Negotiations are in progress to forestall any effort to exhibit the body or any portion of it in public, and perhaps even to secure its cremation so that shortly after the execution nothing will remain of the wretch to remind the public of his personality.

It will be highly desirable if this end can be accomplished. Czolgosz's crime was of such a nature as to call for no demonstration of public rage over the body to empossessor of the Long bridge, through its phasize the abhorrence of the nation for the deed or the people's repudiation of the doctrine in the name of which he slew the President. Nor is it compatible with the dignity of the law or the awful nature of the deed to permit any commercial use of relics of the execution or the assassin. In the past there has been too much of this sort of thing. It is to be feared that harm has been done to the public mind by ostentatious executions and by the after display of reminders of crime

Tomorrow's execution at Auburn will be the last act of a great tragedy. It will not represent the vengeance of the nation, but the calm application of a law which stands for the best thought of the majority of men in their effort to correct human tendencies toward crime. Czolgosz will die because it is the decree of society that he should pay this penalty for his deed, and society will guard itself best against recurrences of this impulse which has brought him to the electric chair and plunged a nation into mourning by conducting the execution in comparative seclusion and by obliterating as far as possible all traces of the assassin.

Weyler is Willing.

General Weyler's "dictator" speech, delivered Saturday in the Spanish chamber of deputies, may become as great a source of embarrassment to him as did Buller's speech at a recent dinner in England. Weyler has been regarded in Spain as a possible "man on horseback" for some time. The affairs of the state are not so favorable as to preclude the possibility of an uprising. The Carlists are not now belligerent, but Sagasta's health is failing, his retirement from the premiership is expected and there is no strong man conspicuously in sight to replace him. Weyler's course in Cuba has never been repudiated by the people and he represents today the country's aspirations for renewed power abroad. His speech, in brief, was a bid for consideration as the man to save the nation in an emergency. He confessed his inclination toward the military duty rather than the political in time of stress. Under this phraseology can be read only the acknowledgment that he would not hesitate to use the military power should occasion arise. Now that he has been baited into speech he stands as a marked man and unless he represents today the dominant force in Spanish affairs he is likely to suffer in consequence. Adroit enemies of Weyler will doubtless make the utmost use of his frank statement of readiness to take the saddle and put him to the embarrassment of explanations which will handicap him in bis maneuvers to succeed Sagasta.

Lombroso, who has attracted attention by announcing himself a student of criminology-a science which he has the right to nonopolize since he invented most of ittakes the czar, the kaiser and King Edward and denounces them, respectively, as an idiot, a criminal and a sybarite. He claims that these conclusions are based on cold calculations from cranial measurements, and that they in no way reflect any personal prejudices. But it looks very much as if he were yearning for the distinction of a martyr to science, for there are some names that even a monarch cannot find publicly applied to himself without a certain sense of human resentment.

There is some disposition to philosophize on the loss sustained by American interests because of a failure to learn Spanish. It is nothing compared to the losses of Spanishspeaking people through a failure to learn English

The Belgian glassmakers who suggest an international trust are simply carrying an idea to its logical conclusion. The old adage "competition is the life of trade" has cago feels that it has brought the city of received so many rude shocks that a few more or less will not be noted.

Europe is apparently not at all alarmed by the rapidity with which the nobility is New York that he can make as long a being merged into the commercial classes

> A few reciprocity treaties will give this country a taste of international bargaining which may do much toward sharpening its diplomatic wits.

> Every American citizen will join in the hope that the court of inquiry will enable

the naval controversy to stay settled. Frontier Dangers in New York.

The New York correspondent of the London Times has caused a sensation by cabling to his paper that the American metropolis is today as unsafe as a mining town of a generation ago, that an incredible wave of crime is sweeping over the city and that the shopkeepers are in a state bordering on panic. Of course, these assertions have caused the faithful Tammanyites to denounce the publication as a hints at prosecuting the writer. As if in verification of the charge one of the New York papers inimical to Tammany prints a list of outrages recently committed in the very heart of the down-town district, where the streets are well lighted and theoretically well patrolled. The list ranges from petty theft to murder. The worst of the situation, according to this authority, is that the police have been utterly indifferent to the carnival of crime. Although complaints have been made immediately, with excellent chance of catching the

rauders in this particular district have gone

thugs, no steps have been taken toward in-

vestigation, and as far as known the ma-

by vice and crime. Captains who venture to molest certain gambling establishments or disorderly resorts, without orders from headquarters, are transferred to other precincts. Policemen who become too officious in taking up misdemeanants of a certain class are reprimanded and fined. According to the disclosures of the various reform agents who have been seeking a way out of the morass of official corruption, there is practically no honesty whatever in the police handling of the criminal and vicious classes. If arrests are made, it is because the blood money has been refused. The flagrant presence of notorious violators of the laws testifies to the rottenness of the

system of public guardianship. Under such circumstances, with the police force thus indicted by the actual facts, it is reasonable to describe New York as in serious danger of thug domination, though the statement that frontier lawlessness threatening life is now in daily evidence in the metropolis is undoubtedly an exaggeration. On the other hand the parallel between it under such conditions and the mining town is unfair to the latter in some respects. The old-time mining town had at least the excuse of lack of organization. New York suffers today from too much organization and too little public spirit. If there were a more general realization of the danger in continued Tammany rule, with its police corruption and its official connivance at crime and vice, there would be no doubt whatever of the result of the election to be held on the 5th of next month.

Don Carlos is again active. The present boy king may live to account himself ucky if the pretender succeeds. Spain is not the easy country for a king to preside over that it once was

Santos Dumont and Sir Thomas Lipton might find some pleasure in exchanging

It is said that some very gallant antitrust political talent has been drowned in the oil freshet in Texas. A Kentucky man has married his thir-

teenth wife. Your true Kentuckian never

shrinks from trouble. It is estimated that the Spanish-American war cost this country \$480,000,000. Cuba ought to think these figures over.

The man behind the gun is especially

dangerous when the hunting season opens.

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His Liberal Views. "He says that you are narrow-minded; that you are not a man of liberal views,"

"The slander carries its refutation on its face," answered Senator Sorghum, haugh-"No man has ever paid the legislatily. ture as much as I have. The Only Course.

said the friend.

"Why don't you challenge him to prove the truth of his scandalous assertions," said the American.

"That would be too easy a task for him," answered the European. "I'll have to challenge him to fight."

The Casual Observer. This old world has some curious ways.

You watch with eager eye, And don't know if you ought to laugh Or if you ought to cry.

A Title Explained. "You know Philadelphia means brotherly ove," said the man who always wants to

tell you something. "Yes, but it was named long before Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Quay got to doing

business in that neighborhood." Disappointment. "I suppose you are disappointed because

the critics condemned your book." "Yes. I don't mind what they said so much as the mean way in which they said

"They seemed disposed to be mild." "Yes. None of the denunciations were sufficiently violent to attract any attention whatever to the book."

A Confidential Query. Did you never buy a gold brick? Honest?

Cross your heart? Was you ever "up against it" with no friend to take your part?

Oh, you joke about the farmers with his whiskers an' his way Of lettin' people do him up because he's such a jay.

But was you never vanquished by some fellow critter's art? Did you never buy a gold brick? Honest? Cross your heart?

Did you never give your money to some man that put on airs find that all he left you was certificates

of shares? Did you never place your hopes upon some promise very dear,

An' watch yer hopes all vanish as you waited, year by year? Did your folly never lead you up to dis-

appointments smart?

Did you never buy a gold brick? Honest? Cross your heart?

The McKinley Memorial.

the Philadelphia Press. Washington has so many statues to great Americans which are travesties on art that it is a genuine gratification to know that the memorial to McKinley is along definite lines, and that it is in the hands of men who will see that it is made worthy of the President whose virtues it will perpetuate. The idea of making it a noble arch at the Washington end of the new bridge across the Potomac, although not finally settled, is so good that it should be adopted without discussion, for it will certainly meet with the nation's approval. It is not stated that a companion arch to Washington will be erected on the Virginia end, but it would be an excellent thing to do, for the design would thus span the centuries, and further more, it would unite the north and the south in a peculiarly fitting way. There should be no difficulty in raising the money for the McKinley arch, and then we are sure that the sum necessary for the Wash-ington arch would be promptly forthcom-

Buenos Ayres Anarchists.

From the Buenos Ayres Herald. The red flag and the black flag have come to have a world-wide significance as emblematical of the spirit of anarchy, and yet these very flags were to have been in our streets on Sunday. The law should not tolerate demonstrations in public streets which to a more or less militant extent de-mand the overthrowing of all law, and which, to say the very least, brood public unrest and disorder, as was the result of the demonstration of Sunday in our midst.

Praise for Roosevelt.

From the Loudon Chronicle, October 16. It augurs well for the success of Mr. It augurs well for the success of Mr. Roosevelt's presidency that he has put his foot down on the office-seeker at the very start, and intends to keep it there. His attitude toward that pest of American politics is just what we should have expected from his record as governor of New York, and is as refreshing as it is manly. He roundly declares that he will give the public positions to the best men and side of the start of the seet men and side of the start of the seet men and side of the se roundly declares that he will give the public positions to the best men, and risk offending the trusts. He would value the renomination to the presidency coming from the American people as a whole, but not from a close ring of wire-pullers. We are convinced that this brusque and straightforward address is the best way to win the affections of the great American public, and incidentally it should go far to destroy the mischievous influence of the party boss.

Census Bureau.

From the New York Tribune

Congress will probably be asked at its next session to establish a permanent cen-sus bureau. In view of the enormous mass of work which now falls on the bureau's quarter on other questions. The position of Mr. Pettigrew is not as yet very clearly under the thrall of a system which profits shoulders, a permanent organization of its force would seem to be a step in the direction of both efficiency and economy.

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